



SHAWANO AREA
Community Foundation

2017-18
Annual
Report



Chairperson's Message ◀

Legacy means many different things to different people. The one continuous thread is a passion. Most people want to be remembered in a way that aligns with their own passion. As the president of the Shawano Area Community Foundation, it has been my privilege to bear witness to financial gifts many make to others, even when the "other" is someone they haven't met or who even hasn't been born yet.

This year we were fortunate to receive a gift from the estate of Loraine Dittman. Loraine began a fund during her lifetime so she could watch how the foundation managed and distributed funds. Upon her death, we were informed of the magnitude of an estate gift of \$2.4 million for scholarships. Gillett and Suring school leaders are so amazed and excited to be a part of sending students on to further their education and realize dreams that otherwise may not have been fulfilled. It was awesome to attend that meeting and watch the shock and realization on their faces when they thought of the future possibilities for their students.

Legacy is something you can build on. It may start with a small thought or passion, it may or may not be monetary, but will always result in an outcome far outreaching your original plan. We would like to help you define and build your legacy. What is your passion?

Char Larsen
Chair



2017-18 Year at a Glance

Year ending June 30, 2018

Grants Awarded:

➤ **\$222,269**

Contributions Received:

➤ **\$160,812**

Charitable Funds
Under Administration:

➤ **83**

Assets:

➤ **\$8.48 million**

The Shawano Area Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region.
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Giving through the Community Foundation **STARTS WITH YOU.**

GIVE

An individual, family, business or organization makes a tax-deductible gift of cash, securities, real estate or other property.



CHOOSE

Your gift creates or adds to a charitable fund to benefit causes important to you, now or for the long term.



INVEST

Funds are invested prudently for long-term growth, overseen by a professional investment advisory firm and an investment committee of local professionals.



ENGAGE

Nonprofit organizations receive grants following your recommendations as the fund grows through investment and additional gifts.



STRENGTHEN

The nonprofit projects and organizations your fund supports strengthen community while creating your lasting legacy of giving.




Himebaugh Legacy Circle Members

No matter if a city in Shawano County is your hometown or the place you now call home, you have a lot invested here. You can help ensure the vitality of the Shawano area for future generations by counting your community among your heirs. Become a member of the Himebaugh Legacy Circle by naming the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region/Shawano Affiliate as the beneficiary of any estate planning tool, including your:

- Will or trust
- Insurance policy
- Retirement Account

We thank these legacy circle members with a connection to the Shawano area:

- Frank+ and Myrtle+ Feivor
- Gordon and Marilyn Holten
- Curt and Martha Knoke
- Todd and Mary Raether
- Raquel and Gregory Strayer

+ deceased

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Why give through **YOUR** Community Foundation?

LOCAL EXPERTISE

- Know nonprofits and community needs
- Board members engaged in the community
- Helpful professional staff

PERSONAL SERVICE

- Plan effective giving
- Manage investments prudently
- Grantmaking simplified
- Connect with nonprofit needs

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- Invest in the community
- Promote giving
- Strengthen nonprofits

Young families get a helping hand with childcare through Kids Klub

Finding affordable and reliable childcare can sometimes be a daunting task for young families. Paying for full-time care in the summer months can be particularly challenging.

For the past 29 years Kids Klub has provided families with an affordable option for licensed childcare in Shawano. Kids Klub is at First Presbyterian Church and provides care for children between the ages of five and 13. The program runs after school and during the summer.

According to Rita Bohm, Chairman of the Board of the Kids Klub program, the \$2,000 grant received from the Shawano Area Community Foundation will increase access to childcare for more families.

"Sometimes families are forced to choose between care for their children or paying for unexpected household expenses. They find it difficult to pay the full cost of our program fees. This grant has allowed us to provide financial assistance to seven families with a total of nine children," she said.



\$2.4 million gift will send 11 Gillett and Suring students to college annually



Two farm kids from northeast Wisconsin gave a \$2.4 million gift to a Shawano Area Community Foundation charitable fund that, by 2019, will be awarding \$100,000 a year in college scholarships to six Gillett High School graduates and five from Suring High School.

After Kenneth Dittman's death in 2001, his wife Loraine established a permanent endowment with the Community Foundation named the Kenneth C. Dittman and Loraine M. Dittman Scholarship Fund. The fund provided smaller scholarships for many years. With Loraine's passing at age 82 in 2015, the couple's pre-arranged multi-million dollar bequest was added to the fund.

Kenneth grew up in Gillett and worked nights scrubbing brewery tanks in Milwaukee to pay his way through the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Loraine, who grew up in Colby, helped pay her nursing school expenses by babysitting. He earned an electrical engineering degree and worked for several companies. She became a hospital nurse and nurse anesthetist. In retirement, they lived in Kenneth's family home in Gillett.

"The Dittmans' generous donation to post-secondary education will open the doors to many students in our building who may never have thought that they could broaden their academic horizon," said Kelly Casper, district administrator in Suring. "These scholarships will give students the opportunity to pursue their educational dreams and goals. The criteria set forth by the Dittmans will challenge the students within each graduating class to be the best they can be and to dream big!"

Charitable Funds

These funds, created by individuals, families, businesses and organizations, generate grants to nonprofit organizations that are making a difference in people's lives.

- Gail and Jan Bartz Family Fund
- Baumann Memorial Automotive Scholarship
- Jacob Bergsbaken Humanitarian Scholarship
- Bonduel Area Community Fund
- Bonduel Community and Alumni Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Frederick A. & Margaret A. Brei Fund
- Cal and June Brockman Family Fund
- Robert A. Brunner Hospice Fund
- Pat and Ruth Crawford Family Fund
- Sam and Wendy Crawford Fund
- The Katie Culhane Memorial Fund
- Kenneth C. and Loraine M. Dittman Gillett Scholarship Fund
- Kenneth C. and Loraine M. Dittman Suring Scholarship Fund
- Albert & Alyce Druckrey Memorial Fund
- Dale Druckrey Fund
- Marie Piehl Dussling & B.P. Dussling Scholarship Fund
- Feivor Family Fund
- Friends of Hospice Fund
- David W. Gage Family Fund
- Shana Jane Gage Fund
- John and Peg Gallagher Family Fund
- Dr. Robert W. Gansen Fund
- Joseph Gellings Charitable Fund
- Goodwill NCW Shawano Endowment Fund
- Gresham Scholarship Fund
- Dr. William W Grover Bonduel Emergency Medical Services Fund
- Grover-Stuff Bonduel Scholarship Fund
- Curtis Grunewald Rotary Scholarship Fund
- Doris and Irving Hanson Memorial Fund for Wittenberg
- Anita Hartman and Lois Kruse Fund
- Anita M. Hartman Charitable Fund
- The Dan and Diane Hartwig Future Fund
- Drew A. Hegner Memorial Staff Scholarship Fund
- Elizabeth and Walter Hein Scholarship Fund
- Gordon and Marilyn Holten Fund
- Lou & Joanne Horn Family Fund
- Donald A. Jeffries, M.D. Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Curt & Martha Knoke Shawano Fund
- Curt and Martha Knoke Designated Fund
- Curt and Martha Knoke Immediate Needs Fund
- Douglas Knoke Memorial Fund
- Matty's Fund
- M.J. and Marilyn McBride Fund
- McCormick-Murphy Domestic Abuse Fund
- John A. Moede Scholarship Fund
- Donald L. Moede Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Navarino Nature Center Endowment Fund
- Donald & Marion Nemetz Fund
- Richard Newcomb & Janice Schreiber-Newcomb Charitable Fund
- Richard Newcomb & Janice Schreiber-Newcomb Education Fund
- Northbranch Methodist Scholarship Fund
- Carmen Maria Owens Fund
- Tony and Betty Piantek Family Fund
- Dean D. Proper Scholarship Fund
- Todd and Mary Raether Fund
- John H. Rose Memorial Fund for Literacy
- Herb Rycroft Volunteer Award Fund
- Safe Haven Endowment Fund
- Linda M. Savides Memorial Fund
- Robert & Barbara Schmidt Family Fund
- Ruben and Clara Schmidt Memorial Fund
- Ralph and Helene Schroeder Scholarship Fund
- Ralph and Helene Schroeder Tigerton Community Fund
- Shawano Area Fund
- Shawano County Historical Society Fund
- Shawano Homeless Shelter Fund
- Shawano School District Grants for Excellence Fund
- Megan Short Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Sikora Family Memorial Fund
- Pearl Smith Future Teachers Scholarship Fund
- Pearl Smith St. Martin Catholic Church Fund
- Augie and Lil Spitzberger Fund
- Strayer Family Fund
- Strayer Family Scholarship Fund
- Lon and Ellen Swedberg Family Fund
- Thomas W. Thatcher Fund
- Robert & Mary Thimke Humane Society Fund
- Allan Waelchli Scholarship Fund
- Weber-Tingley-Klein Scholarship Fund
- Bobbie Wendt-Machek Memorial Scholarship Fund
- WOW Fund
- Zachow Historic Fund
- Zernicke-Wegner Post 217 American Legion Scholarship Fund

Are you interested in starting a fund to benefit your favorite nonprofit organizations or charitable cause for generations to come? Contact our partner, the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region at 715-280-1110 or info@shawanofoundation.org.

Donors

Thank you to those who made generous contributions to Shawano Area Community Foundation funds totaling \$160,812 in 2017-18.

- Kyle and Mary Alexander
- David Arvold
- Duane and Kathleen Ashenbrenner
- Jonathan R. Aumann and Sheila Aumann
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- ThedaCare
- Robert Thimke
- Town of Belle Plaine
- Trusted Retirement Resources
- George and Ina Vidalakis
- Melissa and Kurt Wegner
- Wolf River Builders Assoc.

Shawano Area Fund Grant Recipients ◀

Grants totaling \$35,750 were awarded from the Shawano Area Fund to 12 charitable organizations serving people in Shawano County. The Shawano Area Fund is an endowment fund that accepts donations of any amount to be used to provide annual grants. The Shawano Area Community Foundation's volunteer grants committee selects grant recipients through a competitive application process each fall. The grant dollars come from the endowment fund and proceeds from the annual Shawano Area Community Foundation events.

- Belle Plaine EMS** – \$2,500 to supply each first responder with required equipment to ensure the survival of patients who need emergency assistance.
- Bridge the Gap, Inc.** – \$4,000 to provide a social skills and daily living skills summer camp for clients ages 5-21 with autism spectrum disorders.
- CHAPS Academy** – \$2,500 to support the Hope Lives suicide intervention and prevention program, which incorporates equine, play and art therapies for those at risk of suicide.
- City of Shawano** – \$5,000 to complete construction of a skate park that started 10 years ago. The skate park will fill a need for positive unstructured activities for older youth.
- First Presbyterian Church** – \$2,000 to provide financial assistance for families seeking childcare through the Kids Klub daycare program.
- Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes** – \$2,000 to provide leadership development programming and financial assistance to current and future area Girl Scouts.
- Junior Achievement of Wisconsin – Wolf River Region District** – \$2,500 to support ongoing Junior Achievement programming for K-12 students in participating schools in Shawano and Menominee counties.
- Lutheran Counseling & Family Services of Wisconsin** – \$2,500 to support mental health counseling sessions for Shawano area clients who are unable to pay the full cost of treatments.
- Northeast Wisconsin Technical College Educational Foundation** – \$3,750 to provide financial support for educational expenses of Shawano area students who are single parents.
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Wisconsin** – \$2,000 to sponsor a guest room at the Ronald McDonald House for a Shawano County family for a period of two months.
- Safe Haven Domestic Abuse Support Center** – \$5,000 to help purchase and install a security system for the new section of the organization's building expansion.
- Shawano Area Matthew 25** – \$2,000 to purchase cots, shelving units, a leaf blower and cleaning supplies to help the organization maintain a clean shelter and more effectively serve their client needs.

Grant Recipients ◀

In 2018, grants awarded from the Shawano Area Community Foundation's charitable funds totaled \$222,269. The following non-profit organizations located locally and beyond received grants.

- American Red Cross
- Belle Plaine EMS
- Bonduel Area Emergency Medical Services
- Bonduel Community Archives
- Bridge the Gap
- Central Wisconsin Community Action Council
- CHAPS Academy
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Foundation
- Christian Alliance for Indian Child Welfare
- Citizens Equal Rights Foundation
- City of Shawano
- City of Shawano Police Department
- Covenant Life Presbyterian Church
- Ethnos360
- First Presbyterian Church
- Fox Cities Performing Arts Center
- Fox Valley Swim Team
- Fox Valley Technical College Foundation
- Friends of Shawano County Libraries
- Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes
- Gold in September
- Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve
- Junior Achievement of WI – Wolf River Region District
- Leadership Shawano County
- LEAVEN
- Lutheran Counseling & Family Services of Wisconsin
- Muskies, Inc.
- Navarino Nature Center
- Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust
- Northeast Wisconsin Technical College Educational Foundation
- Reaching Out About Depression and Suicide
- Red River Riders Therapeutic Horseback Riding for Disabled
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Wisconsin
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- Safe Haven Domestic Abuse Support Center
- Shawano Area Food Pantry and Resource Center
- Shawano Area Matthew 25
- Shawano Cares About Critters
- Shawano Chamber Foundation
- Shawano County
- Shawano County Arts Council
- Shawano County Historical Society
- Shawano County Humane Society
- Shawano County Sheriff's Department
- Shawano County University of Wisconsin Extension
- Shawano Hockey League
- Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
- Shawano Community High School
- Solbon International
- SOS K9
- St. James Lutheran Church of Shawano
- St. Martin of Tours Parish
- ThedaCare Family of Foundations
- ThedaCare Foundation-Shawano
- Village of Bonduel
- Wolf River Habitat for Humanity
- Young Life Arrowhead
- Youth With A Mission
- Zion Lutheran Church



Educational dreams are within reach for local single parents

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College Educational Foundation believes that education can play an important role in stopping the cycle of poverty. They have made it their mission to provide financial support to NWTC students through scholarships and other financial assistance. By doing so, the foundation promotes the value of a technical education within the community.

With the help of a \$3,750 grant from the Shawano Area Fund, NWTC Educational Foundation is providing single-parent households access to higher education opportunities that lead to high wage jobs in high demand occupations.

Olga Kirilchuk, a Shawano resident born in Russia, is one local student benefitting from the grant. She is finishing up the accounting assistant program at NWTC, which will allow her to pursue her love of numbers. The grant dollars shoulder some of the financial burden to help single parent students stay in school and graduate.

"Due to a loss of employment in 2016, I had no extra savings to take classes," says Kirilchuk. She adds that having no family in the area adds another layer of complexity for her as a single parent. "This financial support has allowed me to continue my education and stay home with my daughter."

Kirilchuk also recognizes the ripple effect this financial support for her education will have on her daughter. "My decision to go back to school not only helped me with my employment search but also makes a statement to my daughter that it's never too late to start a new path in life to better yourself."

Life-saving devices aid Belle Plaine emergency responders

Residents of the Town of Belle Plaine can rest a little easier. A \$2,500 grant from the Shawano Area Community Foundation has made it possible for the Belle Plaine EMS to purchase life-saving supplies and equipment, including an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and epinephrine.

Epinephrine is administered in the case of Anaphylaxis—a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. The AED allows emergency personnel to provide faster cardiac care until advanced care arrives.

The main purpose of EMS is to provide for immediate medical care to the people who most need it. Without it, heart attacks and accidents could lead to fatalities.

According to Cory Retzlaff, Belle Plaine EMS Services Director, this grant has helped them be more effective. "It's important that our responders carry needed equipment to handle emergencies. Now all six of our emergency medical responders have an AED in their vehicles to use when responding to a call."





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